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REMARKS

The Applicants thank the Examiner for his examination of the present application. By way of summary, Claims 15-19, 25-27, and 29-74 were pending in this application. In the Office Action mailed October 3, 2006, the Examiner rejected Claims 15-19, 25-27, and 29-74. In particular, the Examiner rejected Claims 15-19, 25-27, and 29-74 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Optiplex G1 with Windows 98 installed ("Dell") in further view of U.S. Patent No. 6,248,946 to Dwek ("Dwek").

This Amendment cancels Claims 15-19, 25-27, and 29-74 and adds Claims 75-101. Thus, after entry of this Amendment, Claims 75-101 remain pending.

A. REJECTION OF CLAIMS 15-19, 25-27, AND 29-74 UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 103

The Examiner rejected Claims 15-19, 25-27, and 29-74. In particular, the Examiner rejected Claims 15-19, 25-27, and 29-74 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Optiplex G1 with Windows 98 installed ("Dell") in further view of U.S. Patent No. 6,248,946 to Dwek ("Dwek"). Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection and the Examiner's characterization of the cited references. Moreover, Applicants respectfully submit that the claims as originally pending are patentably distinguished over Dell, alone or in combination with Dwek. Claims 15-19, 25-27, and 29-74, however, have been cancelled. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that the Examiner's previous rejections are now moot.

B. NEW CLAIMS

New Claims 75-101 have been added to more fully define the Applicants' invention and are believed to be fully distinguished over the prior art of record.

Accordingly, Applicants request that the Examiner pass Claims 75-101 to allowance.

D. SUPPLEMENTAL IDS

The Applicants submit herewith (1) a copy of the Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement that was previously submitted on September 5, 2006, November 21, 2005 and on January 20, 2006; and (2) a copy of the Supplemental Information Disclosure statement that was previously submitted on September 22, 2006. The Applicants note that the Form PTO-1449 was not returned nor was inclusion of the same marked on the Final Office Action Cover Sheet. Accordingly, the Applicants respectfully request the Examiner confirm that these two previous

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Supplemental Information Disclosure Statements have been properly considered, and that copies of the submitted Form PTO-1449s including an indication of the consideration be returned in a next communication from the Patent Office.

Copies of the CDROM and the accompanying document are not included because they were previously submitted. If the Examiner would like another copy, Applicants would be glad to submit a copy at the Examiner's request. While the Applicants do not believe that these references will affect the patentability of the pending claims, the Applicants respectfully request the consideration of the same.

E. CONCLUSION

In view of the forgoing, the present application is believed to be in condition for allowance, and such allowance is respectfully requested. If further issues remain to be resolved, the Examiner is cordially invited to contact the undersigned such that any remaining issues may be promptly resolved. Also, please charge any additional fees, including any fees for additional extension of time, or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 11-1410.

Respectfully submitted,

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